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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Times

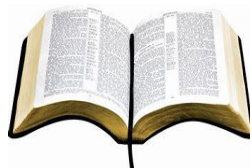
August 16 & 17, 2025

Mass Schedule:

Wednesday 9 am
Friday 9 am
Saturday 4 pm
Sunday 11 am

Confession 8:15 – 8:45 am
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Confession 3:00 – 3:45 pm

Glory & Praise Book Cycle C 912



First Reading:

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

Responsorial:

Psalms 40: 2,3,4,18

Second Reading:

Hebrews 12: 1-4

Gospel:

Luke 12: 49-53

Livestream Mass on YouTube or Facebook at Good Shepherd Catholic Church McCormick

Welcome

We welcome all visitors and invite you to join us again for worship. Please sign our guest book and feel free to write your prayer intentions in our Community Book of Prayer. If you would like to help us with the support of our Church campus, please place an offering in the "Welcome" envelopes located on the back of the pews and drop it in the offertory basket.

Mission Statement

Good Shepherd Catholic Church is passionately committed to service, in accordance with the pastoral vision of the Diocese of Charleston, to being servants of God and good stewards of the Sacred Mysteries. We strive to be a holy and God-centered community growing in joyful righteousness and living without fear by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Empowered by the Spirit, we will help inspire, educate, and support our community and work for unity among the Churches.

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Parish Office Hours: Tues-Fri 9 am-Noon

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Aug. 16th 4 pm + Frances Gilrup requested by the Stirtzinger Family

Lector: Jerry Wishall

EM of HC: Kelley Vanek

Ushers: Mark Boerner & Barb Zust

Sunday, Aug. 17th 11 am + Kris Adden requested by Dave & Carol McKloskey

Lector: Mark Ficocelli

EM of HC: Elizabeth Ficocelli

Ushers: Rick & Marie Ring

Wednesday, Aug. 20th 9 am + John Holben requested by Carol Holben and + Skip Tortorello requested by Robin & Patty Murray

Friday, Aug 22nd 9 am Special Intention for Lisa O'Connor requested by the Schmidt Family.

Saturday, Aug 23rd 4 pm + Phil Stirtzinger requested by the Stirtzinger family and + Helen Balogh requested by Renee Strunk

Lector: Jerry Wishall

EM of HC: Karen Boerner

Ushers: Chris Benedetto & Ray Corely

Sunday, Aug. 24th 11 am + Skip Tortorello requested by Joylene Castle

Lector: Pat Stickdorn

EM of HC: Pat Tortorello

Ushers: Pat Ouellette & Mark Leszczynski

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug 18	Men's Club Golf Outing Tara course
Aug 19	Blood Drive
Aug 27	Women's Club Unbirthday Party
Sep 03	Bible Study following Mass
Sep 08	Bible Study 6:30 pm



Pray for our Military Members

Sophie Augustine	Sean Avery
Brianna & Stephen Balogh	Christopher R. Balogh
Sarah Balogh	Aaron T. Bird
Andrew Brandon	Eric Brandon
Drew Chadwick	Ryan Chemelewski
Paul Cross	Nate Dreslinski
Jake Ivey	Connor Joyce
Ian Leszczynski	Michael Mathews
Cassie Newkirk	Noah Neuman
Kaylin Neuman	Stockton Obermeyer
Savanna Obermeyer	Declan Pemberton
Aspen Quam	Timothy Shively
Daniel O'Donnell	Daniel & Brandi Stricker
Jonathon Taylor	Cody Tiller
Ashley Wulforst	Thomas Wulforst



Pray for our Sick & Home Bound

John Atwell, Dick Balogh, Don Durham, Lana Kittenbrink, Bobby Passafaro, John & Diane Scardace, Lee Stickdorn, Mike Thompson, and Bud Webster

....and those intentions written in our Community Book of Prayer. The recipient or family must clear all requests if possible.

Collection Report

Weekend of August 9 & 10 2025

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$6,139.00	\$6,031.00	+\$108.00
THANK YOU FOR YOUR REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS.		
You can mail your contributions to Good Shepherd Church, P. O. Box 1468, McCormick, SC 2983		

Grandmother Ministry

The following items are needed for this ministry: fruit cups, canned or microwave spaghetti, mac & cheese, cereal, soup, regular grits, peanut butter/jelly or any non perishable items that you know kids will enjoy. Please also consider toilet paper, cleaning products, cash and/or gift crds from Food Lion or the Dollar stores. Put your items in a bag labeled "Billie" and drop them off in the Life Center. Thank you for your continued generosity and supprt. Billie Tarnosky 864 391 8640.



McCormick Food Pantry Items needed; canned tuna, salmon or chicken – 7-12 oz only. Regular sized box of cereal, crackers, mac & cheese, rice, pasta. Toilet tissue, individually wrapped, bars of soap. Please drop off your items in the parish life center.



We welcome new parishioners Michael & Jacqueline Clay to our parish family.

This is an unsettling Gospel reading because the picture of the prince of peace bringing discord and division is different from what we expect. It sounds shocking to us that faith in Christ should separate parents from children and split families apart. These words of Christ describe the very real experience of the first Christians, where conversion to Christ tore families apart. Back then becoming a Christian was a dramatic step. The family was the safe place for everybody. So, to become Christian meant embracing a way of life that separated from your family.

Yet this experience is not from “long ago and far away.” It is experienced by people from Evangelical, Jewish, Mormon and Muslim families who chose to become Catholic. Even today, when many people tend to take their religion lightly, serious loyalty to Christ makes them uneasy if not hostile.

The Gospel shows us another side of Jesus, not the peaceful shepherd but Christ of fire and flame. Let us reflect little about the fire of God that is revealed through the scriptures. In the book of Genesis chapter 19:23 we read, in His wrath the Lord, “rained down sulphureous fire upon Sodom and Gomorrah” from heaven. Next day Abraham saw “dense smoke over the sand rising like fumes from furnace.

In the book of Exodus chapter three we read, while tending the flock of his father-in-law, Moses came to mount Horeb. There an angel of the Lord appeared to him in fire flaming out of a bush. As he looked on, he was surprised to see that the bush, though on fire, was not consumed... When the Lord saw him coming over to look at it more closely God called out him from the bush, ‘Moses! Moses!’ He answered, “Here I am.”

The first reading is from the book of the prophet Jeremiah. As the sin of Israel is escalating the suffering of the prophet is also intensified. Several times Jeremiah complained to the Lord in many ways. In chapter 20:9 he says “I say to myself, I will not mention Him (the Lord). I will speak in His name no more. But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.”

In the Acts of the Apostles in chapter two we read, “When the time for the Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in a place together. Suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire which parted and came to rest on each of them. And they were filled with the Holy Spirit.” Jesus said, “I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing.” Which of these fires does He want to set the earth on fire with and to blaze? Which fire do we want in our life to be the disciples of our Lord?

Secondly, Jesus tells us that he has come not to establish peace on the earth but rather for division. When He sends His disciples to preach and heal, He said to them, “whatever house you enter say to them ‘peace be with you’.” After His resurrection, when He appeared to His disciples He said to them, “peace be with you.” But He said to disciples “peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you.” That means there can be two kinds of peace: peace of the world and the peace of Christ. They may not go together. There is a wide gap between these two kinds of peace. People may have within them their own world and enjoy their own peace. In one’s life, a person may be in peace with everything going on: one’s own selfishness, good or bad habits, anger, special attitudes towards others and give a special place for Christ in his or her life. But Jesus is not the king and the ruler. He or she is the king and the ruler. In major decisions Jesus may not have any say or part. If Jesus comes as the king and ruler in my life or in anybody’s life there comes probably a division. Then the peace that is enjoyed may be disturbed or shaken.

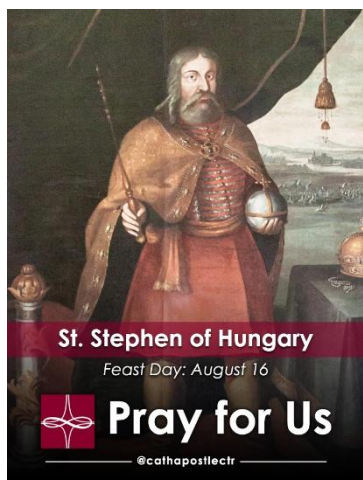
When Jesus enters into our lives or families, society or country, there will be something positive that will happen which is his peace. Therefore, fire from God and peace of Christ go together and remain in one with the presence of God.

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLE AT CHIRATTAKONAM, INDIA, 2001



On an April morning in 2001, Fr. Johnson Karoor, pastor at St. Mary's parish in Chirattakonam, India, exposed the Blessed Sacrament for adoration. Soon Fr. Karoor noticed three dots on the host and shared what he saw with the people, who also saw the dots. The priest then left for a week and came back to find that the host had developed an image of a human face. To ensure it wasn't his imagination, he asked an altar server if he saw anything in the host. "I see the figure of a man", the altar server replied. After Mass, Fr. Karoor had a local photographer capture the image of the host. . After two hours, all the photos were developed, and with the passing of time, the face in every photo became increasingly clearer.

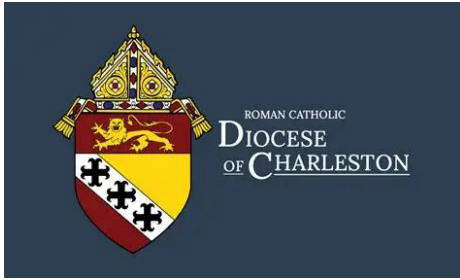
The monstrance containing the miraculous Host is to this day kept in the church. For believers, this Eucharistic miracle is a clear sign of the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Although no scientific explanation can be provided for the miracle, the faith of those who witnessed it remains unshaken. The miracle is a testament to the power and love of God and continues to inspire the faithful to this day.



St. Stephen of Hungary was the son of Geza he was born as Vajk. People expected the boy to take his father's place as leader of Hungary. Then Geza and his son learned about Jesus Christ and Christianity. They were both baptized. Vajk received Stephen as his baptismal name. . When Geza died, Stephen had to assume leadership of the country. He wanted all the Hungarian people to become Christians. First, he asked Pope Sylvester II if he could be a king instead of a national leader like his father. The Pope agreed and on Christmas Day, 1000, Stephen was crowned the first king of Hungary. Then, as king, he made unity a special goal and brought the various tribes into one nation. Hoping to plant Christianity in the hearts of the people, he made three other important decisions. He invited the

Benedictine monks of Germany and Italy to come as missionaries to his people. He built churches and filled them with holy sculptures. He encouraged the people to come to the churches and to value their local priests. Stephen was very popular with the poor. He often went among them, giving donations. Stephen's love for the poor also kept his officials from getting too powerful and abusing the poor and the weak. Stephen counted on his son Emeric to take his place as king when he died. He is believed to have written "Mirror of Princes" in order to explain to his son how to be a good Christian King. However, young Emeric was killed in a hunting accident and Stephen faced many family quarrels over the line of succession. In 1038, he died and was buried at the Church of Our Lady of Buda in Hungary. Stephen was an outstanding leader, a dedicated Christian, and a strong defender of the Church.

Catholic Appeal Update



A previous report showed that Good Shepherd has exceeded its Catholic Appeal goal for the third consecutive year. Our current total for 2025 continues to grow and the 66 families who have made contributions surpassed the 25 percent participation rate the Diocese expected. Year to date, we are \$1,800 ahead of goal and, at year's end, half of the excess will be returned to us for parish needs. So, if you've not made a gift yet, know that half of every dollar you donate will come back to us. You can mail your gift in the envelope the Diocese sent to families earlier this year or drop the envelope in an offertory basket at Mass. Credit cards and bank drafts are also accepted at www.charlestdiocese.org/donate. Thanks for your generosity and "Let's Be Together." Dave Lorenzatti, Catholic Appeal Coordinator



Bible Study sessions will begin in September. Join us either on Monday or Wednesday as we learn more about the Bible and the History of the Catholic Church. Monday evening classes begin on September 9th at 6:30 pm . Learn about the major people, places, and events of the two thousand years of Church history.

Wednesday morning sessions will begin on September 3rd following the 9 am Mass. Take a journey through salvation history. Studying the biblical story gives you the keys to understanding the amazing story woven throughout scripture.

No need to register. Sessions are open to everyone.



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